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SUBJECT Airfield of Moscow-Kostino

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THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

1. The KOSTINO (37°47'E/55°54'N) airfield was located south of town between a single-track railway line and the road to MOSCOW. Officers were billeted in small wooden houses on this road, which led to KOSTINO, passing a fuel dump in a woods. The field, about 6,800 x 10,000 feet, was almost entirely surrounded by woods. The airfield personnel were quartered in about a hundred four-man tents pitched along the edge of the field.

2. Fighters were stationed at the field. There was a great deal of flying day and night.

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Winter of 1946/1947

3. The airfield was located between a double-tracked electric railroad line and the highway to MOSCOW. There was a V-weapons plant with a PW camp and a sawmill near a field 3,300 x 8,300 feet. Some small stone buildings and wooden sheds were observed in a corner of the field.

4. About 40 aircraft of various sizes and types were stationed at the field. Except for two or three, all these aircraft were transferred in the spring of 1947.

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5. There was an airfield east of the MOSPILCO-MOSCOW road, about 1.3 miles from MOSPILCO. Many fighters and bombers were observed.

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Early 1948

6. There was an airfield southwest of the railroad line to MOSCOW. It was about 8,000 feet long, and a light strip, which looked like a concrete road, extended the length of the field. Two hangars were recognized and 10 to 15 twin-engine aircraft were seen.

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Comment:

From all available data on the location of this airfield it is inferred that it is the airfield which borders on the southwestern part of the KALININGRAD V-Weapons Plant. According to former records this field was designated the MOSCOW-POLLIPKA field. The stated occupation for the winter of 1946/1947 and the transfer of the fighter regiment except for two or three probably not airworthy planes seems credible.

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